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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on September 17, 2003, please amend the application as follows. A Petition for Two Months Extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are also enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees in the amount of \$595.00, for a small entity, to Deposit Account No. 50-1868. It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.